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INDEPENDENT CREATION OF
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Sir:

Pursuant to an agreement reached with the Examiner on January 13, 2000, Applicant proposes the following amendments be made to the above-captioned application by way of an Examiner's Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

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2 (Twice amended). A nucleoside 5'-triphosphate having a removable blocking moiety protecting the 3' position which is selected from the group consisting of [esters, ethers and phosphates,] an ester, an ether and a phosphate, wherein said removable blocking moiety is linked to [the] a 3' carbon of said nucleoside 5'-triphosphate.

Cancel claim 8.

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